Biographies of 2012 Missouri Energy Law Seminar Speakers



Sarah Kliethermes, Senior Counsel, Staff Counsel for the Missouri Public Service Commission. She graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, School of Law in 2007. She has been employed with the Missouri Public Service Commission since 2006. Prior to her employment at the Commission, she worked for the Contract and Organization Research Institute, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri House of Representatives.



Commissioner Robert S. Kenney was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission on July 29, 2009 by Governor Jay Nixon. Prior to his appointment Kenney was Chief of Staff for Attorney General Chris Koster. Prior to working for the Attorney General, Kenney was a shareholder with the law firm Polsinelli Shughart where his practice focused on commercial litigation. He is President of the Organization of MISO States and Co Vice Chair of the Missouri Bar's Environmental and Energy Law Committee.



Steve Gaw, a Missouri attorney, former Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives and former Chair of the Missouri Public Service Commission, currently consults with the Wind Coalition focusing on policy issues regarding electricity within the Southwest Power Pool region and matters of national interest that impact the advancement of wind energy. He was one of the founding directors of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) and the SPP Regional State Committee. He served in every officer position with the OMS including the office of President. Steve currently serves on as the representative of the renewable generators on the Steering Committee of the Eastern Interconnect Planning Corroborative.



Brent Roam, an attorney with Bryan Cave, has successful litigated many cases in state and federal court, and before the Missouri Public Service Commission. His clients include corporate defendants in multi-million dollar cases as well as individual pro-bono clients who cannot afford legal representation. He is an alumnus of Arizona State University School of Law where he was Senior Note and Comment Editor. Roam is a Rhodes Scholar and Woodrow Wilson Fellow. He is also an inductee of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and member of the Screen Actors Guild.